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January 18, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Microsoft has been a successful company for more than fifteen years because it has created quality products that have been used by millions. The recent decision of the Justice Department to settle in the antitrust case is welcome because it allows Microsoft to focus on business and less on legal matters.

In our competitive free market place it is not necessary for companies to be nice to competitors. The company with the best product usually wins, and more often than not it has been Microsoft. Nevertheless the settlement that is on the table will curb behavior that some companies objected to. This settlement will end any contractual restriction that hurt opponents' ability to offer software. Additionally this settlement will allow competitors to effortlessly place their software on MS systems.

I believe it is incumbent upon you to see this settlement is put in place and the federal case is concluded. Microsoft has agreed to this settlement because it would like to return to business not the courts. Thank you for considering my point of view on this issue.

DEAR GENERAL ASHCROFT,
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE GREAT JOB YOU
AND YOUR TEAM ARE DOING. ITS NICE TO
SEE THE ADULTS IN CHARGE AGAIN.
LARRY THOMPSON, JAY STEPHENS,
MICHAEL CHERTOFF, TED OLSON,
DIRECTOR MUELLER, WHAT A TEAM!!
AND IM SURE MANY OTHERS.

Sincerely,

Malcolm M Strange

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cc: Senator Strom Thurmond

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